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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.56 and in keeping with the guidelines of 37 CFR § 1.98, Applicant hereby submits information thought to be relevant to the examination of the above-identified application. Also submitted herewith is a completed form PTO-1449.

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Action.

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To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, no Office Action has yet been received in the above-identified application.

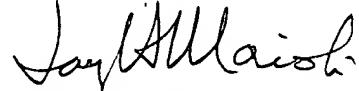
European Patent No. 0 917 400 A2 (Kasai) apparently relates to an apparatus for localizing a sound image and a method for localizing the same.

European Patent No. 1 054 574 A1 (Kawano) apparently relates to a sound image localizing device.

UK Patent No. 2 339 127 A (Hiroyuki) apparently relates to a headphone apparatus.

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